

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the reasons that follow.

Claim 1-95 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Hall (U.S. Patent 5,930,479).

Hall generally describes a method for sending messages from a sender to a recipient using a channelized address. (Hall: col. 3, lines 51-53; col. 5, lines 5-10). Hall describes creating “channels” that senders can utilize to send email to the recipient and each channel has a distinct structured e-mail address that corresponds to the channelized address. (Hall: col. 5, lines 7-16). The channelized address as described in Hall has “a common address portion that indicates an identity of the recipient in the network and **a channel identifier portion for verifying that the message is authorized for delivery to the recipient.**” (emphasis added) (Hall: col. 3, lines 53-56). That is, in Hall, it is the construction of the channelized address which is a portion of the recipient's address that determines the security state over which the channelized address can be used without regard to the sender's address. In contrast, all of Applicant's claims use both the sender's address and the recipient's address to determine the security state. For this reason, there is no proper basis for the 35 U.S.C. 102 rejection.

As such, Applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of the rejection of independent claims 1, 3, 31, 68, and 82 under 35 U.S.C. 102. Dependent claims 2, 4-30, 32-67, 69-81, and 83-95 depend from allowable base claims and are allowable for the reasons as described above. As such, Applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of the rejection of Claims 2, 4-30, 32-67, 69-81, and 83-95 under 35 U.S.C. 102.

Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by the credit card payment instructions in EFS-Web being incorrect or absent, resulting in a rejected or incorrect credit card transaction, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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